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Re: Applicants: Su et al.  
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Filed: 19 January 2001  
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Our Ref: 104385.132US2

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for appropriate action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents:

1. Response and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111; and
2. Postcard evidencing the same.

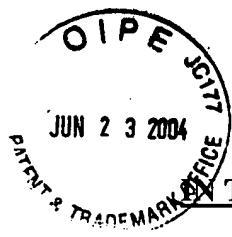
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 23, 2004, for which a response is due on or before June 23, 2004. No fees are believed due; however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees for maintaining the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.